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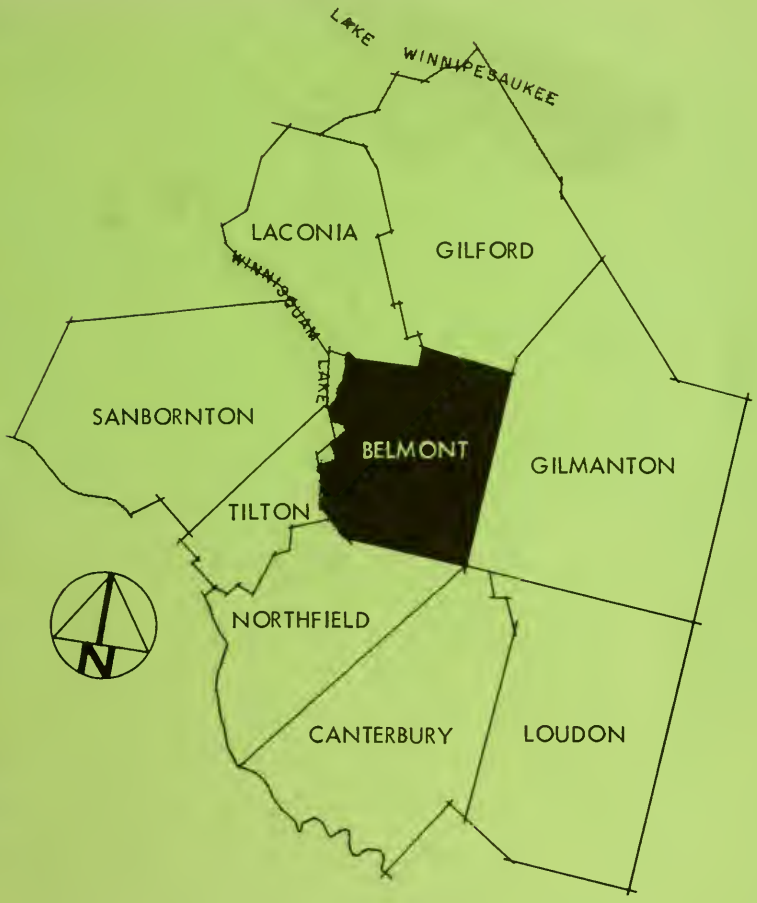

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TOWN DIRECTORY

EMERGENCY NUMBERS		
	FIRE DEPARTMENT	524-1545
	POLICE DEPARTMENT	267-6511
	MEDICAL AID	524-1545

Administrative Assistant	267-6986
Assessor	267-6986
Building Inspector	267-8110
Dog Officer	267-6511
Fire Station	267-8110
Health Officer	267-8110
Library	267-8166
Police Station	267-6511
Road Agent	267-6019
Selectmen	267-6986
Sewer Commission	267-8145
Tax Collector	267-8145
Town Clerk	267-8145
Treasurer	267-8145
Water Department	267-8145

OUR PHILOSOPHY OF GOVERNMENT

If liberty and equality, as is thought by some, are chiefly to be found in democracy, they will be best attained when all persons alike share in the government to the utmost.

-- Aristotle

OFFICE OF SELECTMEN
BELMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03220

TELEPHONE 267-8145

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORT-- 1980

The watchword for 1980 and the 1980's is "Conserve."

Like the new administration in Washington, your town administration is leaving no stone unturned in our efforts to keep as many of your hard-earned dollars as possible in your pockets, while making sure that those tax dollars needed for essential town business are spent with the same care and common sense that you apply to your family budget.

The Board of Selectmen believes that Earl Appleby, Jr., our town Administrative Assistant, has proven a definite asset to the town in this, as in so many other areas of town management.

The Board of Selectmen commends those department heads who share our concern for the moral responsibility of public servants to you, the tax-payer, to live within our means. In this regard, Chief Douglas Boyd, of the Belmont Police Department, is to be complimented for submitting a budget that was less than the previous year's (even after salary increases). In a time of run-away inflation, this is no small achievement.

The Budget Committee is also to be commended for the concern they have demonstrated for the costs of government that so directly effect our people. The Board of Selectmen found Earl Sweeney, Chairman of the Budget Committee, and his fellow Committee members responsive to our own efforts to conserve your tax dollars, as reflected in the Board of Selectmen's recommended budget.

Like all of you, the Board of Selectmen was not pleased with the tax rate increase experienced this year. There is only one solution to this problem and that solution lies in your hands, as a voter. It is a fact of life that taxes are determined by appropriations not expenditures.

What this means is that while your Board of Selectmen shall continue to seek new ways to cut waste in town spending, unless you and your neighbors approve a sensible conservative budget, like that recommended by your Budget Committee, at town meeting, your taxes will continue to climb. In other words, what you add to the budget in March will be added to your tax bill in December. Won't you help us help you save your money?

We welcome your ideas to improve our community. You may contact us directly and individually or through Mr. Appleby in the town hall (267-8145).

We wish all our residents and taxpayers a rewarding and prosperous year. Working together for the common good, we trust 1981 will be a good year for Belmont and her people.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Dominic
Chairman

George Condodemetraky

Alfred Davis

BELMONT TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF BELMONT IN THE COUNTY OF BELKNAP IN THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN TOWN AFFAIRS:

You are hereby notified to meet for the 1981 annual meeting of the Town of Belmont to be holden in two sessions, as follows:

First Session

The FIRST SESSION shall be holden at the Roland Kimball Auditorium, Belmont High School, Belmont, New Hampshire, on the 10th day of March next, between the hours of 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon and 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Second Session

The SECOND SESSION shall be holden at the Roland Kimball Auditorium, Belmont High School, Belmont, New Hampshire, on the 14th day of March next at 10: 00 o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects.

1. To hear and act upon the reports of committees.

2. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to borrow money pursuant to the Municipal Finance Act in anticipation of the collection of taxes for the current municipal year and issue in the name of and on the credit of the town, negotiable notes therefor, and to renew or refund any notes that may be issued for a period shorter than one year from the date of an original loan.

3. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to sell at public auction and convey real property acquired by the town by tax collector's deed or other means.

4. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to convey the so-called Gebo property on Route 140 to Mr. Wayne Gebo for payment of taxes, interest and other costs incurred by the town.

5. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to apply for, receive and expend federal or state grants or money from any other governmental unit or private source to be used for purposes for which the town may legally appropriate money; provided; (1) that such grants or other monies do not require the expenditure of other town funds; (2) that the selectmen shall hold a public hearing prior to the action to be taken; (3) that such items shall be exempt from all provisions of RSA 32 relative to limitation and expenditure of town monies.

6. To see what action the town will take upon the budget as recommended by the budget committee.

7. To see if the town will vote to permit greyhound racing on Sundays during 1981.

8. To see if the town will vote to petition the representatives and senators who represent the town in the General Court to support in the current session of the General Court, the concurrent resolution to amend the state Constitution to limit the annual increase in both taxes and spending by the state or any city, town, or other governmental unit of the state to five percent unless approved by a 2/3 vote of those present and voting of such taxing or spending authority. (By petition)

9. To see if the town will vote to authorize the collection of taxes on a semi-annual basis in order to provide adequate funding to operate town government. (By petition)

10. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of one hundred and eighty six dollars and twelve cents ($186.12) and pay said sum to the Belmont Fire Fighters' Association to reimburse said association for legal expenses incurred by it to obtain payment of the annual call fireman's pay for Anthony St. Louis and Willard Read. (By petition)

11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and ten dollard ($110.00) and pay the same to Fire Chief Robert Bordeau as reimbursement for expenses incurred by him as fire chief in 1980, said sum being the balance due him on the expense account submitted in the amount of five hundred and fifty dollars ($550.00). (By petition)

12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00) for the support of the Laconia Youth Services Bureau. (By petition)

13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00) for the purpose of retaining consulting and legal services to assist the hydropower committee in soliciting, evaluating, and negotiating development proposals for the redevelopment of the Lochmere Dam. The intent of this article is to recover costs incurred through reimbursement to the town from the chosen developer after selection and prior to award of contracts. (By petition)

14. To see if the town will vote to recess the annual meeting at the close of business on the other warrant articles and, contingent on the passage of a bill now pending in the New Hampshire Legislature permitting the establishment of a Police Commission for the town of Belmont, re-convene the meeting not later than 60 days after the passage of such legislation for the purpose of taking a referandum vote as to whether or not to establish such a Police Commission in accordance with the final form of such legislation. (By petition)

15. To see if the town will vote to create a voting precinct for the Winnisquam area for all local and national elections. Said voting would take effect March 1982, if approved at the March 1981 town meeting. This article shall not effect town meetings and is intended to create an additional polling place

for local, state, and national government elections. School Board elections will not be considered in this article. (By petition)

16. To see what the town will vote to do with the income from the John M. Sargent Fund.

17. To see if the people of the town of Belmont will vote to amend the ordinance governing the Excavation, Removal, and Filling of Land to read as follows:

EXCAVATION, REMOVAL, AND FILLING OF LAND

The use of land for excavation, removal, filling, or depositing of any type of earth material, top soil, gravel, rocks, rubbish, and other wastes or by-products may be permitted under supervision of the Planning Board, providing the following conditions are met:

(1) Excavation for any new sand, gravel, or borrow pit or the enlargement of any existing pit shall be a minimum of 50 feet from any property line, private right-of-way, or public right-of-way line and shall be graded away from said 50 foot setback at a slope no greater than 1 to 1½; i.e. 1 foot vertically to 1½ feet horizontally. When unstable material is encountered, a flatter slope shall be required by the Planning Board, and when unusual conditions exist due to natural terrain, the Planning Board may waiver or adjust the slope and/or setback requirements in order to blend a pit with the surrounding terrain and keep erosion to a minimum.

(2) Excavations for any new sand, gravel, or borrowing pit or the enlargement of any existing pit shall be a minimum of 50 feet from the average high water extremities of any natural body of water or natural drainage course; and shall be graded away from said 50 foot setback at a slope no greater than 1 in 1½, shall have a depth no greater than five feet above the high water level, and shall not in any way obstruct, divert, or pollute said natural waters. The Planning Board, with the recommendation of the Conservation Commission, may waiver or adjust the slope and/or setback requirements.

(3) The removal of clay, sod, loam, sand, and gravel is permitted either for private use or sale provided that all excavating, handling, processing, and storage facilities shall be removed and the area shall be covered and reseeded to assure that the premises are left in a safe and sightly condition, protected against erosion, and is free draining as it practical.

(4) Abandoned entrance roads to a borrow or fill area shall be covered and seeded to assure that they are left in a safe and sightly condition and protected against errosion.

(5) All proposed pit sites and enlargements of existing pits shall be field inspected by the Planning Board and Conservation Commission, or their appointed agent, prior to any excavation and after completion.

(6) The Board of Selectmen shall require the filing of a cash bond or surety bond, as condition for approval of the application. The surity bond shall be executed by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of New Hampshire. The amount of the bond will be determined by the Planning Board and will be sufficient to rehabilitate the property and any roadways or property damage upon default of the operator of the excavation or filling operation, and to cover any court costs and any other reasonable expenses. This provision does not apply to normal soil removal for basement or foundation work, when a building permit has previously been issued by the Building Inspector.

(7) Upon receipt of a valid application for an excavation permit, the Planning Board shall schedule a hearing of the abutting owners of record, who shall be notified by certified mail, receipt requested, by the applicant, mailed not less than 5 days prior to scheduled date of hearing. The notice will state the date, time, location, and subject matter of the hearing. A representative of the Conservation Commission and the Town Engineer or Road Agent shall attend said hearing. Notice shall be posted in 2 public places in the Town of Belmont.

(8) If a basement or foundation is not completed within six months from the commencement of construction and if found by the Building Inspector to constitute a hazard, the owner shall be notified in writing to remove the hazardous condition and given 30 days to remedy the situation.

(9) As of June 1, 1981, all existing holders of permits and operators of excavation pits shall be required to file for and obtain a new permit from the Planning Board. A fee of $25.00 shall be required and paid to the town upon approval of the application. Excavation and filling permits shall expire annually (one year) from the date of issue and may be renewed on application. Failure to renew within 30 days constitutes abandonment. The penalty for violating any part of this ordinance shall be a fine of $100 for every day in violation. The Planning Board will establish the requirements to be met by the operator in controlling such nuisances as noise, dust, traffic, and surface runoff. (By petition)

18. To see if the town will vote to amend the Wetland Ordinance to add the following: The penalty for violating any part of the Wetland Ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of fifty dollars ($50.00) per day. (By petition)

19. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to abandon a section of the Grey Rocks Road. The abandoned section of roadway is intended to include the Union or Grey Rocks Bridge plus twenty-five (25) feet beyond the top of the natural bank of the Winnipesaukee River.

20. To see if the town will vote to petition its representatives to the County delegation to support continued appropriations to fund the Belknap County Sheriff's patrol unit on a twenty-four hour basis to back-up local police departments as it has done for the past eleven years.

21. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and authorize withdrawal from the federal revenue sharing fund for use as set offs against budget appropriations in the amount indicated; and further to authorize the selectmen to make pro-rata reductions in the amounts if the estimated entitlements are reduced, or take any other action thereon:

Police cruiser	8,050
Sealcoating	24,000
Culverts	4,000
Town Poor & court-ordered costs	29,909.34
	$65,959.34

22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum or sums not exceeding $52,000 under capital outlay for the reconstruction of Seavey Road, said sum or sums to be raised and expended in addition to any sums which may be withdrawn from the capital reserve fund for said purpose.

23. To see if the town will vote to temporarily change the intent of the capital reserve fund established for the purchase of highway and fire equipment to enable the Selectmen to withdraw a sum or sums not exceeding $35,000 from said fund and to expend such said sum or sums for the reconstruction of Seavey Road, with the intent of said Capital Reserve fund to thereafter revert to the purchase of highway and fire equipment.

24. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AND SEAL THIS 19th DAY OF FEBRUARY, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE.

John Dominic
George Condodemetraky
Alfred Davis
Selectmen of Belmont

A true copy of warrant - attest:

John Dominic
George Condodemetraky
Alfred Davis
Selectmen of Belmont

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING BY SELECTMEN

We hereby certify that on the ____ day of February, 1981, we posted attested copies of the within warrant at the Town Hall, Belmont High School, being place of meeting within specified, and a like copy at Farmers Market, a public place in said Town.

John Dominic
George Condodemetraky
Alfred Davis
Selectmen of Belmont

TOWN BUDGET

Purpose of Appropriation	1980 Appropriation	RECOMMENDED Selectmen	RECOMMENDED Budget Committee	Not Recommended
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Town Officers' Salaries	$ 19,511.00	$ 20,618.00	$ 20,618.00	
Town Officers' Expenses	54,735.00	50,879.00	52,059.00	
Election & Registration Expenses	2,750.00	1,045.00	1,377.00	
Expenses Town Hall & Other Buildings	10,935.00	11,755.00	12,055.00	
Reappraisal of Property	10,850.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	
PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY				
Police Department	131,741.00	130,162.00	130,162.00	
Fire Department	59,739.00	64,688.00	65,568.00	
Planning & Zoning	7,808.00	980.00	3,524.00	
Dog Damages	2,200.00	1,335.00	1,335.00	
Insurance	41,453.00	47,477.00	47,477.00	
Civil Defense	150.00	25.00	25.00	
Conservation Commission	300.00	150.00	150.00	
Beautification Committee	250.00	-0-	250.00	
Hydrant Rental	8,000.00	6,720.00	6,720.00	
HEALTH DEPARTMENT				
Health Department	1,675.00	75.00	400.00	
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	68,631.00	75,695.00	75,695.00	
HIGHWAY & BRIDGES				
Town Road Aid	1,337.00	1,322.00	1,322.00	
Town Maintenance- Summer & Winter	71,050.00	77,745.00	77,745.00	
Street Lighting	7,864.00	9,900.00	9,900.00	
General Expenses- Highway Dept.	63,600.00	63,065.00	63,065.00	
LIBRARIES	9,085.00	9,170.00	9,625.00	
PUBLIC WELFARE	23,750.00			
Town Poor & Court-Ordered Costs	(6,000.00)	40,000.00	40,000.00	
Old Age Assistance	(9,000.00)	6,000.00	6,000.00	
Laconia Youth Services Bureau	-0-	-0-	-0-	$10,000.00
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES				
Memorial Day- Old Home Day	450.00	700.00	700.00	
Halloween & Christmas	-0-	150.00	150.00	

Purpose of Appropriation	1980 Appropriation	Selectmen	Budget Committee	Not Recommended
RECREATION	$ 4,050.00	$ 2,415.00	$ 3,040.00	
PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES				
Sewer Commission	250.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	
Water Department	29,000.00	26,495.00	38,400.00	
Cemeteries	950.00	300.00	300.00	
UNCLASSIFIED	55,912.00			
Damages & Legal Expenses	(30,500.00)	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Employees' Retirement & Soc. Sec.	(23,180.00)	26,496.00	26,496.00	
Unemployment Contingency Fund	(2,000.00)	2,000.00	2,000.00	
General Contingency Fund	-0-	-0-	8,500.00	
Belmont Fire Fighter's Ass. Legal Exp.	-0-	-0-	-0-	$186.12
Fire Chief "Reimbursement"	-0-	-0-	-0-	$110.00
DEBT SERVICE				
Principle- Long-term Notes & Bonds	6,800.00	5,800.00	5,800.00	
Interest- Long-term Notes & Bonds	970.00	617.00	617.00	
Interest- Temporary Loans	37,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	
Bond Counsel	1,200.00	950.00	950.00	
CAPITAL OUTLAY	192,161.00			
Police Cruiser Trade-In		8,050.00	8,050.00	
Land Easements		1,400.00	1,400.00	
Federal Grant Match		50.00	50.00	
Police Grant Match		75.00	75.00	
Sealcoating		24,000.00	24,000.00	
South Road Bridge		9,500.00	15,000.00	
S.A.R. Reconstruction		5,000.00	5,000.00	
Culverts		4,000.00	4,000.00	
Winn. River Basin Project		12,305.00	12,305.00	
Seavey Road Reconstruction		-0-	52,000.00	
Waterfront Equipment		-0-	800.00	
Tennis & Basketball Courts		-0-	200.00	
Bathhouse Repairs & Finishing		-0-	400.00	
Fire Dept. Portable Radio		-0-	1,500.00	
Town Shed Repairs		2,000.00	2,000.00	
PAYMENT TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUND				
Highway & Fire Equipment	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	
Winnisquam Fire Truck		5,000.00	5,000.00	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	$936,157.00	$853,379.00	$940,805.00	

	SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenues 1980 (1980-81)		Actual Revenues 1980 (1980-81)		Selectmen's Budget 1981 (1981-82)		Estimated Revenues 1981 (1981-82)	
	FROM LOCAL TAXES:								
86	Resident Taxes	25,430		21,270		20,000		20,000	
87	National Bank Stock Taxes	-0-		-0-		-0-		-0-	
88	Yield Taxes	-0-		-0-		-0-		-0-	
89	Interest on Delinquent Taxes	23,800		29,820		25,000		25,000	
90	Resident Tax Penalties	334		226		200		200	
91	Inventory Penalties								
92									
93									
	FROM STATE								
94	Meals and Rooms Tax	20,000		31,824		25,000		25,000	
95	Interest and Dividends Tax	20,000		24,465		20,000		21,000	
96	Savings Bank Tax	4,300		7,028		5,000		6,000	
97	Highway Subsidy	20,171	38	20,172		20,111		20,111	
98	Railroad Tax								
99	Town Road Aid								
100	State Aid Construction								
101	Class V Highway Maintenance								
102	State Aid Water Pollution Projects								
103	State Aid Flood Control Land								
104	National Forest Reserve								
105	Reimb. a/c State-Federal Forest Land								
106	Reimb. a/c Fighting Forest Fires								
107	Reimb. a/c Exemp.-Growing Wood & Timber								
108	Reimb. a/c Road Toll Refund								
109	Reimb. a/c Old Age Assistance								
110	Reimb. a/c Business Profits Tax								
111	Add'l. Hwy. Subsidy	16,923	22	15,308		15,135		15,135	
112									
113									
114									
	FROM LOCAL SOURCES, EXCEPT TAXES								
115	Motor Vehicle Permits Fees	75,000		76,215		75,000		75,000	
116	Dog Licenses	2,500		2,526		2,500		2,500	
117	Business Licensed, Permits and Filing Fees	2,750		2,822		2,700		2,700	
118	Fines & Forfeits, Municipal & District Court								
119	Rent of Town Property								
120	Interest Received on Deposits	30,000		37,717		35,000		35,000	
121	Income From Trust Funds								
122	Income From Departments	6,100		4,689		4,000		4,000	
123	Income From Sewer Department								
124	Income From Water Department	37,000		43,000		40,000		44,817	
25	Income From Electric Department								
26	Surplus								
27	Permit Fees	2,750		5,828		3,000		3,000	
28	Welfare Reimbursements	-0-		1,441		-0-		300	
29	Federal Grants								
30	Dog Track	-0-		-0-		20,000		20,000	
31									
	RECEIPTS OTHER THAN CURRENT REVENUE:								
32	Proceeds of Bonds and Long Term Notes								
33	Withdrawal From Capital Reserve								
34	Revenue Sharing Fund	61,629		61,157		60,000		60,000	
35	Anti Recession Fund								
36									
37	TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS	351,784	60	410,176		393,346		400,463	

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

LAND	$22,489,860
BUILDINGS	36,004,162
FACTORY BUILDINGS	823,250
PUBLIC UTILITIES-- GAS	172,750
ELECTRIC	1,996,850
HOUSE TRAILERS, ASSESSED AS PERSONAL PROPERTY-- 476	2,813,070
TOTAL VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS	64,299,942
EXEMPTIONS-- BLIND-- 3	34,350
ELDERLY-- 129	1,007,610
TOTAL EXEMPTIONS	1,041,960
VALUATION ON WHICH TAX RATE IS COMPUTED	$63,257,982

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS & TAXES ASSESSED FOR THE TAX YEAR 1980

Town Officers' Salaries	$19,511
Town Officers' Expenses	54,735
Election & Registration	2,750
Town Hall & Other Buildings	10,935
Reappraisal of Property	10,850
Police Department	131,741
Fire Department	59,739
Planning & Zoning	7,808
Damage by Dogs	2,200
Insurance	41,453
Civil Defense	150
Conservation Commission	300
Beautification Committee	250
Hydrant Rental	8,000
Health Department	1,675
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	68,631
Town Road Aid	1,337
Town Maintenance	71,050
Street Lighting	7,864
General Expenses-- Highway Department	63,600
Library	9,085
Town Poor	6,000
Old Age Assistance	9,000
Family Services	300
Community Action Program	1,250
Lakes Region Community Health	7,200
Memorial Day-- Old Home Day	450
Parks & Playground	4,050
Municipal Sewer Department	250
Municipal Water Department	29,000
Cemeteries	950
Damages & Legal Expenses	30,500
Advertising & Regional Associations	232
Employees' Retirement & Social Security	23,180
Contingency Fund	2,000
Principal-- Long-term Notes & Bonds	6,800
Interest-- Long-term Notes & Bonds	970
Interest on Temporary Loans	37,000
Bond Counsel	1,200

CAPITAL OUTLAY	
Office Typewriter	950
Cash Register	1,200
Federal Grant Match	50
Police Federal Grant Match	425
Land Easements & Acquisition	1,400
Police Cruiser	6,700
Police Sirens	500
Dictation Equipment	600
Highway Shed	4,346
Dry Hydrant	1,000
Battery Charger	275
Generator	600
Sealcoating	30,000
Hoadley Road Bridge	3,152
Road Grader	51,485
S.A.R. Construction	5,000
Highway Base Radio	1,800
Culverts	6,100
Sargent Park Waterline	600
Winni. River Basin Project	12,157
Seavey Road/Bean Hill Road	47,027
Waterfront Equipment	1.675
Ladd Hill/Union Road	1,200
Perkins Road	4,903
Rebuild Fire Truck	8,016
Recreation Comm.-- Ball Field	1,000
Highway & Fire Equipment-- Capital Reserve	10,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	936,157
LESS: Estimated Revenues & Credits	381,157
Net Town Appropriations	555,000
Net School Appropriations	1,141,668
County Tax Assessments	164,066
Total-- Town, School, County	1,860,734
Deduct Total Bus. Profits Tax Reimbursement	93,538
Add War Service Credits	23,400
Add Overlay	12,684
PROPERTY TAXES TO BE RAISED	$1,803,280
1980 Tax Rate: Town--.90 School--1.70, County--.25=	$ 2.85

State of New Hampshire
Department of Revenue Administration

61 South Spring Street PO Box 457
Concord, 03301

Lloyd M. Price
Commissioner

MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
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Director

LORRAINE F. RACETTE
Assistant Director

John Dominic, Chr.
Town of Belmont
Belmont, N. H. 03220

DEC 5 REVISED 1980

December 2, 1980

Gentlemen:

Your Summary Inventory of Property Valuation and Statement of Appropriations have been approved. You may proceed with the assessment of 1980 taxes on the basis of the following figures.

Net Assessed Valuation		$63,272,982.00
Taxes Committed to Collector:		
Town Property Taxes Assessed	$1,803,280.00	
Precinct Taxes Assessed		
Total Gross Property Taxes	$1,803,280.00	
Less: Est. War Service Tax Credits	23,350.00	
Net Property Tax Commitment*	$1,779,930.00	
Tax Rate - Town		2.85
Precinct		

* The amount of property tax commitment is subject to adjustment by reason of any increase or decrease in War Service Tax Credits which may result based on the above approved rate.

In the event any adjustment was made in the Appropriations Section, we have enclosed a copy of the changes. Revenues and Credits have been approved as shown on the enclosed copy of the third page of the Statement of Appropriation.

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County Tax Assessment	164,066.00
Net Precinct Appropriation (1)	

In arriving at the above approved rate the Overlay has been set in the amount of $ 12,684.00

Very truly yours,

Lloyd M. Price, Commissioner

LMP:sf
Enclosure
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SUMMARY OF TAX WARRANTS

DR

	1980	1979	1978	1977	1976	1975 & P/Y
Uncollected						
12-31-79 Prop.		311,919.66	5430.99	1198.97	3454.62	5064.70
Resident		4,750.00	1060.00	200.00	90.00	50.00
Yield			1605.97	1170.50		174.04
Committed:						
Prop.	1,783.814.93					
Resident	26,340.00					
Yield	1.80	7,592.88				
Boat	3,202.58					
Added taxes:						
Prop.	735.30	1,298.74				
Resident	2,170.00	150.00				
Interest	.64	16,919.75	170.93	56.19	250.90	90.39
Penalties	72.00	199.00	24.00	3.00		
Overpayments:						
Prop.		9.81				
Residents	50.00	20.00	10.00			
	1,816,387.25	342,859.84	8301.89	2628.66	3795.52	5379.13

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Town of Belmont
Belmont, N. H. 03220

DEC REVISED 1980

December 2, 1980

Gentlemen:

Your Summary Inventory of Property Valuation and Statement of Appropriations have been approved. You may proceed with the assessment of 1980 taxes on the basis of the following figures.

Net Assessed Valuation		$63,272,982.00
Taxes Committed to Collector:		
Town Property Taxes Assessed	$1,803,280.00	
Precinct Taxes Assessed		
Total Gross Property Taxes	$1,803,280.00	
Less: Est. War Service Tax Credits	23,350.00	
Net Property Tax Commitment*	$1,779,930.00	
Tax Rate - Town		2.85
Precinct		

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SUMMARY OF TAX WARRANTS

CR

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Remitted :						
Prop.	710,573.03	306,540.99	459.75	276.41	996.86	2847.21
Resident	21,520.00	1,990.00	230.00	30.00	20.00	
Yield	1.80	7,258.13	1287.22	250.00		
Boat	3,202.58					
Abatements:						
Prop.	2,243.13	5,690.04	3,450.61	33.67	59.34	1370.09
Resident	3,440.00	2,340.00	630.00	100.00	20.00	
Interest	.64	16,919.75	170.93	56.19	250.90	90.39
Penalties	72.00	199.00	24.00	3.00		
Uncollected 12/31/80						
Prop.	1,071,734.07	996.48	1,520.63	888.89	2398.42	847.40
Resident	3,600.00	590.00	210.00	70.00	50.00	50.00
Yield		334.75	318.75	920.50		174.04
Excess Credit		.70				
	1,816,387.25	342,859.84	8,301.89	2628.66	3795.52	5379.13

I hereby certify that the above report is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Calvin D. Brown, Tax Collector

TAX SALE ACCOUNTS

DR

	1979	1978	1977	1976	1975	1974 & P/Y
Unredeemed 12/31/79		87,397.98	50,246.37	5,535.04	2,279.18	5,005.04
Tax Sale 09-05-80	114,753.98					
Interest & cost	513.16	2,909.41	8,356.47	915.45	713.62	67.77
	115,267.14	90,307.39	58,602.84	6,450.49	2,992.80	5,072.81

CR

Redeemed 12/31/80	30,259.09	27,974.15	47,327.24	3,262.81	1,842.80	2,070.83
Interest & costs	513.16	2,909.41	8,356.47	915.45	713.62	67.77
Abated		512.74	1,212.31	1,207.24		1,124.37
Unredeemed 12/31/80	84,494. 89	58,911.09	1,706.82	1,064.99	436,38	1,809.84
	115,267.14	90,307.39	58,602.84	6,450.99	2,992.80	5,072.81

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TAX COLLECTOR
WATER RENT ACCOUNTS
1980

DR

Uncollected water rents 12-31-79	
Belmont District	4,232.87
Winnisquam District	255.39
Added Water Rents	
Belmont District	33,384.02
Winnisquam District	3,919.61
Total	41,791.89

CR

Remitted to Treasurer:	
Belmont District	32,397.19
Winnisquam District	3,718.13
Abated:	
Belmont District	282.23
Winnisquam District	6.41
Uncollected 12-31-80	
Belmont District	4,937.47
Winnisquam District	450.46
Total	41,791.89

I hereby certify that the above report is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Calvin D. Brown,
Tax Collector

TREASURER'S REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTS

Checking Account Balance (1-1-80)	$37,682.53
Total Receipts	92,244.64
	129,927.17
Total Payments	129,927.17
Balance 12-31-80 on Deposit, Citizen's Ntl. Bank	-0-
Savings Account Balance (1-1-80)	79,608.99
Total Receipts	215,651.88
	295,260.87
Total Payments	270,000.00
Bal. 12-31-80 on Deposit, Lac. Peoples Ntl. Bank	25,260.87
Revenue Sharing Account Balance (1-1-80)	61,537.07
Total Receipts	66,051.27
	127,588.34
Total Payments	61,629.00
Bal. 12-31-80 on Deposit, Lac. Peoples Ntl. Bank	65,959.34
Payroll Account Balance (1-1-80)	3,062.42
Total Receipts	221,464.68
	224,527.10
Total Payments	224,030.10
Bal. 12-31-80 on Deposit, Lac. Peoples Ntl. Bank	497.00
Escrow Accounts Balance (1-1-80)	30,202.77
Total Receipts	2,003.24
	32,206.01
Total Payments	26,632.94
Bal. 12-31-80 on Deposit, Citizen's Ntl. Bank	5,573.07
Sewer Commission Checking Account Balance (1-1-80)	51.98
Total Receipts	3,500.00
	3,551.98
Total Payments	3,438.85
Bal. 12-31-80 on Deposit, Lac. Peoples Ntl. Bank	113.13
Sewer Commission Savings Account Balance (1-1-80)	14,672.96
Total Receipts	11,039.35
	25,712.31
Total Payments	13,500.00
Bal. 12-31-80 on Deposit, Lac. Peoples Ntl. Bank	12,212.31
Checking Account Balance (1-1-80)	-0-
Total Receipts	3,223,785.62
	3,223,785.62
Total Payments	3,216,742.75
Bal. 12-31-80 on Deposit, Belknap Bank & Trust	7,042.87
Savings Account Balance (1-1-80)	-0-
Total Receipts	3,406,344.23
	3,406,344.23
Total Payments	3,109,011.50
Bal. 12-31-80 on Deposit, Belknap Bank & Trust	$ 297,332.73

John F. Moynihan
Treasurer

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

January 1, 1980 - December 31, 1980

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Town Officers' Salaries	19,210.62
Town Officers' Expenses	42,798.91
Election & Registration	2,771.87
Town Hall & Other Buildings	12,075.66
Employees Retirement & Social Security	22,533.46
Conservation Commission	117.96
Property Assessment & Appraisal	13,727.40
PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY	
Police Department	121,207.32
Fire Department	59,409.92
Insurance	41,612.06
Planning & Zoning	3,472.06
Dog Damage	2,165.07
Beautification Committee	200.89
Civil Defense	150.00
Legal Expenses	2,436.84
HEALTH	
Health Department	10,618.80
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	69,142.96
HIGHWAY & BRIDGES	
Town Maintenance - Winter & Summer	69,376.97
Street Lighting	9,191.19
General Expense of Highway Department	62,936.02
Town Road Aid	1,336.38
LIBRARIES	9,085.00
RECREATION	3,483.02
PUBLIC WELFARE	
Town Poor	17,803.74
Old Age Assistance	2,025.64
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES	450.00
PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES	
Sewer Commission	250.00
Cemeteries	950.00
Hydrant Rentals	6,804.00
Advertising & Regional Association	232.00

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS, CONTINUED

DEBT SERVICE

Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	85,690.67
Bond Counsel	950.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY

Fire Department Equipment	265.81
Police Cruiser	6,851.00
Town Hall & Shed Renovations	11,900.32
Sealcoating	29,141.23
Winnipesaukee River Basin Project	19,148.94
Dry Hydrant - Fire Department	785.00
Seavey & Perkins Roads	79,224.87
Typewriter	950.00
Cash Register	1,129.00
Police Sirens	588.00
Police Dictation Equipment	256.50
Fire Dept. - Battery Charger	275.00
Fire Dept. - Generator	600.00
Road Grader	51,485.00
Highway Radio	1,650.00
Culverts	6,234.08
Waterfront Equipment	1,675.00
Rebuild Fire Truck	8,016.00
Hoadley Road Bridge	1,780.00
2% Bond & Debt Retirement Taxes	232.12
Capitol Reserve - Equipment	10,000.00
REFUNDS	18,029.96
SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS	1,040,278.11
COUNTY TAX	164,066.00
TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES	2,200,000.00

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1980

CASH ON HAND, January 1, 1980		$ 2,083.83
Received from:		
Dividends	$ 4,198.82	
Interest	1,276.43	
Shaker Regional School District	20,000.00	
Virginia Shaw Estate	600.00	
Expense Reimbursement	40.55	
Total Receipts		26,115.80
Total Available Cash		28,199.63
Disbursed To:		
New Funds	20,600.00	
Care of Cemeteries	1,741.17	
Sargent Funds	1,400.00	
Trustees Expense	46.50	
Total Disbursements		23,787.67
CASH ON HAND, December 31, 1980		$ 4,411.96
CASH RECONCILIATION		
Cash checking - Citizen's National Bank		2,224.15
Cash savings - Citizen's National Bank		2,187.81
		$ 4,411.96

OLD CEMETERY ACCOUNT

CASH ON HAND, January 1, 1980		$ 219.82
Received from:		
Town Appropriation	$ 800.00	
Eleda Currier Fund	10.00	
Interest	24.61	
Total Receipts		834.61
Total Available		1,054.43
Disbursed to:		
Care of Cemeteries	531.25	
Trustees Expenses	4.25	
Total Disbursements		535.50
CASH ON HAND, December 31, 1980		$ 518.93

*This checking account is kept at New Hampshire Savings Bank

Robert A. Lemay, Treas.
Trustees of Trust Funds

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February 29, 1980

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Board of Selectmen
Town Office
Belmont, New Hampshire 03220

Members of the Board:

Submitted herewith is the report of an examination of the financial statements of the various funds and account groups of the Town of Belmont for the year ended December 31, 1979, which was made by the Division in accordance with the vote of the Town.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Overdraft of Appropriations:

As disclosed in Exhibit C, Actual Expenditures of $758,873 less budgeted expenditures of $686,640 resulted in an unfavorable variance (overdraft) of $72,233. However, the overdraft under the control of the selectmen amounted to $ 38,498, (of which $18,000 was authorized) as follows:

Unfavorable Variance of Total Budget	$72,233
Unfavorable Variance of Overlay Account	(23,695)
Accounting Change (Note 10)	(10,040)
	$38,498

The Town of Belmont operates under the provisions of the Municipal Budget Act, and as such, must obtain authorization to exceed appropriations in an emergency situation from the Commissioner of Revenue Administration. During 1979, the Town was authorized to exceed their appropriations by $18,000. The remaining balance of $20,498 represents over expenditures for which no authorization was obtained.

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AUDITOR'S OPINION

Board of Selectmen
Town Hall
Belmont, New Hampshire 03220

Dear Board Members:

We have examined the financial statements of the Town of Belmont, except the Water Storage Tank Capital Projects Fund, for the year ended December 31, 1979, listed in the foregoing table of contents. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and included such tests of the accounting records as was considered necessary in the circumstances.

The Town of Belmont has not maintained a record of its general fixed assets and accordingly, a statement of general fixed assets, required by generally accepted accounting principles, is not included in the financial statements.

Adequate records of the Water Department's Utility Plan in Service were not maintained. We were unable to satisfy ourselves as to fixed assets of $358,302 and related amounts of accumulated depreciation of $95,670, acquired prior to January 1, 1979.

In our opinion, except for the effects of the omission of a statement of general fixed assets and the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had the Water Department's fixed assets records been auditable, as discussed in the preceding paragraphs, these financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Town of Belmont at December 31, 1979 and the results of its operations and changes in financial position for the year then ended, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with the preceding year, except for the change, with which we concur, in the method of allocating prepaid insurance as described in note 10 to the financial statements.

Municipal Services Division

February 29, 1980

GENERAL COMMENTS
(Continued)

Accounting System:

A general objective of an accounting system is to provide complete, timely and accurate financial information to all parties responsible and concerned with the Town's operations. In addition, the accounting system must provide the Board of Selectmen with the results of financial operations in an effective and timely manner so that the Board is able to determine that financial operations comply with legal provisions and other constraints under which the town operates.

The Town of Belmont has experienced significant growth in the past several years. Unfortunately, the requirements on the financial reporting system has grown proportionately. We recommend that Town officials take immediate steps to upgrade the current accounting system to meet current and future demands. Furthermore, we suggest that the Town officials study the possible computerization of accounting records and other records utilizing the services of a reputable service bureau or in-house mini-computer. Computer technology has reduced the cost of installation and maintenance of mini-computers to bring it within the reach of communities the size of Belmont. A computer could relieve the record-keeping burdens of many town departments such as the sewer and water departments. We would be most happy to assist you in this study.

Inventory of Fixed Assets:

As is the practice with many New Hampshire municipalities the Town of Belmont has not maintained a record of its fixed assets. It was noted that prior to our arrival the Town had commenced an inventory of its existing fixed assets. We urge that the inventory be completed as soon as it is practical. As part of their long-term policies, Town officials should initiate formal fixed asset records. Cost, or consideration given, is the generally accepted method for valuing fixed assets, and should be recorded on new acquisitions. Where adequate documentation of cost is unavailable for existing fixed assets, an estimate of original cost may be acceptable. The existance of fixed asset records will not only aid Town officials in their control of these assets, but should be an invaluable tool in long-range planning.

The provisions of R.S.A. 71-A:21 require that only this letter be published in the next annual report of the Town.

We recommend that you also publish the accompanying financial statements, footnote disclosures and auditor's opinion in their entirety in your next report. If you decide to publish the accompanying financial statements, you must include both footnote disclosures and our auditor's opinion as part of the Town report. In addition, the auditor's report may not be published without the accompanying financial statements and footnotes.

We extend our thanks to the officials and employees of the Town of Belmont for their assistance during the course of our audit.

Municipal Services Division

MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

Circulation 1980

Non-Fiction	
Adult	1144
Juvenille	1077
Fiction	
Adult	2669
Juvenile	2674
Magazines	822
Records	31
Total	8422

The State Library Bookmobile visited twice in 1980, we borrowed a total of 884 books, Inter-library loan books totaled 117. Through purchase and gifts, 207 books were added to the collection. Also purchased was an assortment of children's paperbacks.

The library currently scuscribes to 22 magazines and the Manchester Union Leader.

We have also purchased many new books on solar energy and alternate forms of heat,'

Library hours are Monday and Wednesday 1-5, Tuesday and Thursday 12:30-7:30, Saturday 9-12.

We have at the present time 765 residents using out library services.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. JoAnne Stevens
Librarian

BELMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Belmont, New Hampshire

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand 1-1-80		5,205.49
Town Appropriation		9,085.00
Duffy Library Trust		900.00
Fines, Fees, Hall Rental		155.00
	Total	15,343.49

Disbursements

Librarians Salary		4,874.74
Temporary Help		271.25
Janitor's Salary		660.00
Books & Subscriptions		1,465.13
Librarian's Supplies		91.96
Janitor's "		[illegible]
Fuel		1,615.58
Utilities		565.58
Repairs & Maintenance		900.00
Treasurer's Expense		23.54
Miscellaneous		46.45
	Total	10,514.03
Balance on hand 12-31-1980		4,829.46

Helen M. Hill
Wilson S. Mansfield
Magnus McLetchie
Trustees

Report of the Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission has not only continued all of its major on-going activities but also has the added responsibility with the Planning Board of administration of the Wetlands Ordinance enacted at the March 1980 Belmont Town Meeting.

As usual, the bandstand required routine repairs though somewhat less expensive than last year. The major change has been replacement of the central lighting from a 100 watt bulb by an adjacent yard light that floods the area more effectively on all sides. At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the Association of N.H. Conservation Commissions, it was stated that the Belmont Commission very likely is the only one in the State of New Hampshire to be responsible for a bandstand.

The analysis of water which has been routine for years with the Marsh Hill Spring now bids fair to become a far more important function of the Commission. It has provided valuable quantitative information on both dredge and fill and on our wetland activities. Owing to the expensiveness of water analysis only the very initial stage of acquiring a data bank has been reached. Who would have thought that a rather normal dredge and fill can increase the pollution level of a stream by as much as seven to eight times? And who would have thought that a beaver pond and beaver dam downstream on the same brook apparently can restore the purity of the brook very approximately to its original condition? Stil further, who would have thought that the Tioga River (Farrar Brook branch) at Route #107 has an appreciably higher level of pollution than the Tioga at its intersection with Route #106 some three miles or so downstream?

Of course, the long range goal of all of us is to keep Belmont a pleasant place in which to live. The purity of the Water in our brooks and streams is only one important aspect of this complicated problem. The beginning we have made on water analysis should be sufficient to justify a modest increase in the budget of the commission.

The Commission is very much alive and well and it could do much more for Belmont with added financial support.

Blake M. Loring, Chairman

Hyman Steiman, Vice Chairman

Robert Atherton, Secretary

Thomas Durkis

Maxwell Perkins